

OFFICIALS CONFER HERE TODAY IN HALL-MILLS CASE

State troopers and Middlesex County detectives working on the re-opened Hall-Mills murder case, have developed three new "leads" in the four-year-old mystery, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Trenton, and upon the materialization of these clues may hinge the solution of the case.

The authorities are agreed upon a policy of utmost secrecy in their investigation. Other than admitting that the fresh clues appear to be "good," they refuse to discuss their findings.

Captain John J. Lamb, commander of the Constabulary's headquarters troop, who spent most of yesterday in the vicinity of the spot where the murder was committed, submitted a report to Major Mark O. Kimberling yesterday, after which the major joined him in a trip to this city. A plain clothes trooper, whose identity is not revealed, has been assigned to free lance work on the crime. He has been working near the scene of the murder since last Friday, when the case was re-opened by charges and hints contained in a marriage annulment petition filed in Chancery Court by Arthur S. Riehl, husband of Louise Geist, a former maid employed in the rectory of Rev. Dr. Hall.

"We are going to run this thing down until we are satisfied, one way or another," Major Kimberling said today.

A conference was held this morning at the office of Chief David at which Captain Lamb, Captain Henry Walsh of the Jersey City police, and Chief Detective Ferd David attended. The conference had not ended at noon time but it was stated that whatever the result of the findings of the State police, a report would be made direct to Attorney General Katzenbach. A similar report, it is understood, will be forwarded to Governor Moore.

Prosecutor Toolan was not present at the conference this morning and any plans he may have, if any, for bringing witnesses here are not known. It was intimated that some witnesses might arrive today for questioning.

The continued absence of Arthur S. Riehl, whose alleged disclosures started the present investigation has not been explained. He cannot be located at his home town, Roselle Park, it is said.

Somerset county will make no further investigation of the case unless there are important developments not indicated in the recent petition filed by Riehl. Prosecutor Bergen, who was on his vacation at the time the petition was filed, announced today. Bergen said he had conferred with Prosecutor Toolan of Middlesex county, and was convinced that it would be unnecessary for him to go into the case.